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## LONDON'S GLOOMY CHRISTMAS WEEK

Rain, Gales, Fire and Accidents Came With "Merry" Yuletide.

CITY'S POOR INCREASE

Pauperism Growing Notwithstanding Nation's Many Reform Laws.

AMERICAN MUSIC POPULAR

Englishmen Fond of Ragtime—Also Take Kindly to Our Plays.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
London, Dec. 28.—Certainly as far as external conditions go England in general and London in particular have had the gloomiest and most depressing Christmas week.

From out of a leaden sky there streamed an incessant rain. All over the country there blew a gale which caused many wrecks. There was no big disaster, such as so frequently has marked Christmas week, but there was a remarkable number of minor casualties from one end of the country to the other. Four persons were killed at a fire at Balham and four children were killed at Dundee. A boy accidentally shot and killed his sister under the mistletoe in Yorkshire. Aviator Peter was killed, and other items of similar melancholy import might be culled from the attenuated papers that have been published this week.

Fortunately there were no papers on Christmas Day to spread the tidings of floods, wrecks and deaths.

The English people for weeks have been invited to rejoice at their booming trade and great prosperity. They have been constantly told that 1912 has been a year of unparalleled prosperity, but the Times, in keeping with the Christmas gloom, selects the great annual holiday, Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, to print a complete page dealing with the condition of London's legal poor and showing the immense increase in pauperism, which, as the paper confesses in an editorial, is "diabolical reading."

The figures show that the Poor Law Guardians on December 14 were providing for 110,292 persons, representing a ratio of 24.4 per thousand of population. The Times attributes a great part of the increase of paupers to labor disputes.

But the figures not only show that in a year of improving trade London, where the effects should be felt more quickly and generally than elsewhere, is not only worse off in regard to pauperism than at the beginning of the year and the same period last year but also very considerably worse off than at the beginning of the century. And this in spite of emigration, old age pensions, the feeding of school children, labor exchanges and all the other costly reforms which have been introduced since 1900.

The Times points out that the statistics it quotes relate only to legal paupers, but adds that "if the others, who are in receipt of public relief under another name, are added the number is approximately doubled." In Liverpool, Glasgow and other big towns things have improved, but London seems to be growing steadily worse. As the Times says "there seems to be something essentially wrong with London."

In November the trade union non-employment came down to 1.4 per cent, which was the lowest figure recorded in many years. Employers of various trades in various parts of the country were advertising for skilled and unskilled labor, yet in that month 29,000 men applied to the London labor exchange and 20,000 were left on the register at the end of the month. At the same time Liverpool and Glasgow only had about 1,000.

In London, adds the Times, distress committees are giving relief to able bodied men at the height of a good trade employment, while employers are advertising in vain for labor. In November 835 men received such relief in London and 160 in the rest of England.

The Prince of Wales is expected next year to take a more active part in public life. It is believed that he will accompany the King and Queen at the opening of the new session of Parliament, and that he will be present at the first court for the reception of the Diplomatic Corps.

West End hotel men agree that this has been the best Christmas they ever had. There are from two to four times as many guests at the hotels as there were at the corresponding time last year. These guests are largely English and are not the regular patrons of the hotels. They are mostly country people who have come to London for Christmas. The Savoy Hotel this week looked like a corner of Broadway and Forty-second street owing to the big group of American theatrical men who are spending Christmas in London. There were Al Woods and Arthur Selwyn, who arrived on the Mauretania to arrange for the production of "Within the Law"; Wilson Mizner and Ben Harris, the latter of whom is to do Germany and afterward act as chapter for Selwyn at Monte Carlo; Ethel Levey, Shirley Kellogg, Hale Hamilton, Joe Coyne, Louis Hirsch, John Mason, Paul Arthur, Harry Elmore, Jack Minner, Truly Shattuck and a few others. These formed one of the biggest groups of American theatrical folk seen in London in years.

Al Woods said he is confident that

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**But if Yours Is Not—**

if your home is one to which the great gift of music did not come at Christmas time; and if a gift of money came—then be sure that there is no better way to spend Christmas money than in the purchase NOW of a reliable

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Whether the sum is small or large you can crystallize it—prevent it from ever getting away—by putting it now into the gift which will bring music into the home for the delight of all who live there and all who come there from time to time.

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we offer the same, fine, unusual and adequate service. We are told that in this holiday season we have sold more Victrolas than all the rest of Brooklyn put together. We receive instruments direct from the factory and we aim always to have a large and satisfactory stock of them.

**Even Though the Christmas Money May Be a Small Sum**

we can readily arrange to have it start in the purchase of the piano, Player-piano or Victrola you would like to own. We make terms of payment to suit our customers, within reason, and no one who would like an instrument now should hesitate because of inability to pay for it in cash at once.

Fourth Floor.

"Within the Law" is a sure London success. "Years ago," he added, "it was an axiom that an American play could not succeed in London. That is no longer true. This year London has been full of American shows which have been making good. The public is simply judging plays on their merits. Take this latest revue, 'Hello, Ragtime,' by Max Pemberton at the Hippodrome, in which Ethel Levey has captured London. I went in a dubious frame of mind and came away enthusiastic. Save for the book it is all American music, American stars and American 'go.'"

"As for American music, it has the 'double nelson' on the affections of the London public. A year ago ragtime was popular. Now it is simply a craze; you cannot escape it wherever you go. The patrons of fashionable restaurants will not let the bands play anything else. I find that there was one restaurant that was not doing very well. The proprietor engaged some American ragtime musicians and now you have to reserve a table at the place for days ahead."

**JAPANESE ANGER DUTCH.**

**Reduced Shipping Rates Affect Trade of Java.**

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 1.—The Dutch Government is viewing with more or less displeasure the great activity of the Japanese relating to the trade of Java, and it is learned that the island authorities have made a report to The Hague urging that representations be made to Tokio against the greatly reduced shipping rates put into recent operation by the Japanese steamship lines, and made possible by the increased subsidies of Japan.

Dutch steamer people assert that that they will have to go out of business so far as the carrying trade between Java and other Asiatic ports is concerned if the Japanese are allowed to compete at the ruinously low charges now in vogue.

In various parts of the island chambers of commerce and other traders have passed resolutions to boycott the Japanese lines, and at a number of the ports laborers have refused either to load or unload cargoes of Japanese ships. This has called forth loud protests on the part of the owners, but the local authorities have only ignored them, and this in turn has caused the Japanese Foreign Office to be appealed to.

Commercial Java has not been so tremendously agitated in years, and it is even feared that serious complications may arise from the present ill feeling.

**U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS CHINESE  
ARE WARY OF THE REPUBLIC**

**Prof. Stewart Declares Educated Men Predict Its Early Downfall.**

Special Correspondence to THE SUN.  
MANILA, Dec. 8.—That the people in north China in particular are suspicious of the new Government and have little faith in the officials at its head is the belief of Prof. John L. Stewart of the Insular Bureau of Education, who has just returned from a trip to China. He says that educated men with whom he talked in Canton, Shanghai and other large centers declared that the republic could not last more than a year or two at most.

According to Prof. Stewart the shopkeepers even hide their goods, expecting pillage and looting at any time. The spirit of unrest is noticeable among many of the people, for they cannot comprehend the meaning of a republic, thinking that it is a man and not a body politic that has overthrown the Manchu throne.

"One of the most interesting features," said Prof. Stewart, "was the fact that when the implements of the opium victims were confiscated by the Government authorities they would immediately place the pipes, opium tins and all the paraphernalia of that dread habit along the walls for other people to see."

"I am rather inclined to believe that such a practice could be followed here to advantage, so that an example may be set to the persons addicted to this habit."

"We were in Peking on the morning of the republic's anniversary and saw much public spirited demonstration. We found that the railroad service from Chingwangtao to Peking was in first class condition, the cars being equipped with many American inventions. We also visited the Great Wall of Nanhai Pass, one of the most famous passes in China, which contains the road leading to Mongolia. All caravan trains come over this route."

"Regarding agriculture I can only say that at this time of the year they are raising a considerable amount of persimmons in China, and I feel you some of them are as big as our largest peaches. Health conditions are also getting better in Peking, at least that is what we found."

**MORE SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA NOW.**

**Popular Education Making Rapid Strides Under Czar's Policy.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—Popular education in Russia is making rapid strides in advance; so much so that the next statistics of people who can neither read nor write, not long ago officially estimated at 60 per cent. of the total population, will certainly indicate a notable decrease. In the last fifteen years public instruction has immensely improved.

The existing system of State schools was founded in the second half of the nineteenth century, when the edict of the abolition of serfdom appeared. Until the year 1869 Russia only had 4,077 public schools. When in 1864 the zemstvos were established, the number of schools increased rapidly, and at the end of the '60s there were in Russia 22,770 schools with 1,149,915 pupils.

Under Alexander III, popular education made further advances, and at the end of his reign the number of schools had reached 43,325 with 2,970,000 pupils. Under the present Czar educational matters have received increased attention. Thus the schools opened by the zemstvos were granted a State subsidy of \$100 for every fifty schools, while the teachers got increases in salary.

At the present time there are in Russia 100,295 elementary schools with 154,177 male and female teachers and 6,180,510 pupils. Of these schools 53,910 have been opened under the reign of Nicholas II, the present Czar. During the same period the number of industrial schools has risen from 1,223 to 2,718. A teacher in the State schools now begins on a salary of \$172 a year. After five years he draws \$220, after ten years \$229 and the maximum is only \$270 a year.

Dickens's First Editions Valued.  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Are first editions of Dickens's novels going out of fashion? According to a recent sale at Sotheby's they are practically valueless. Five of them, "Nicholas Nickleby," "Bleak House," "Little Dorrit," "Domby and Son" and "Martin Chuzzlewit," with illustrations by H. P. Browne (Phiz), changed hands at a total of \$3.14.

Farquhar Syndicate to Buy Dock.  
SANTOS, Brazil, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the Farquhar Syndicate is about to acquire the Santos docks and wharves. The syndicate owns or controls all the railways in the State of Sao Paulo except one. The President of the State is opposed to the sale of this line to Farquhar.

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**Reinforcements Start Afresh This  
Greatest Sale of Undermuslins.**

THERE HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY to examine and compare values. There have been three days of great Undermuslin selling at Loeser's. And for to-morrow, with counters and tables replenished, with great reserve stocks called forward, the Sale will start full speed ahead—the greatest event of the kind in this or any other Store.

These are the simple facts:  
1. There is a tremendous stock of Undermuslins—thousands of new garments in new styles.  
2. They are all of high quality—refined in character, perfect in fit and workmanship.  
3. The prices are the lowest for which such good Undermuslins were ever sold.  
4. Every indication is that the high cost of cotton will prevent a duplication of these values in the immediate future.

Five minutes on the second floor to-morrow will show you that in scope and character this Loeser Sale stands alone—unmatched and apparently unmatchable. An hour's time spent in examining the QUALITY of the garments will but add to your enthusiasm and your wonder at the prices.

**Nightgowns, 25c. and up.**  
Nightgowns, 25c. Muslin and cambric, values among them to 20c. High and low necks, round and V. Necked and with hemstitched ruffles. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

**Combination Garments, 37c. to \$1.98.**  
At 37c. Soft nainsook, round or circular tops, finished with linen lace edging, bottom of drawers or skirt trimmed with ruffle. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

**Combinations, \$1.49 and \$1.98.**  
Drawers and skirt models, nainsook, neatly trimmed, some with medallions styles. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

**Combinations, 35c. and 50c.**  
Cambric and nainsook, mostly drawers, models, square and round necks, trimmed with lace and embroidery, wide ribbon heading on many; others have medallions of embroidery.

**Combinations, \$1.49 and \$1.98.**  
Nainsook, daintily trimmed with fine trimmings of lace and embroidery, and ribbon headings, round necks, mostly skirt and drawers models.

**Corset Covers, 12c. and up.**  
Corset covers, values to 50c., at 12c. Some 35 styles, cambric and nainsook, trimmed with lace and embroidery, some in medallion style, some with embroidery edging and ribbon heading. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

**Corset Covers, 15c., 19c., 25c., 29c.**  
Cambric, and at the higher prices, nainsook, trimmed with embroidery, lace and ribbon heading, many in French body style. Some of these at 15c. and 19c., sent C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

**Corset Covers, 49c., 59c., Value to \$1.**  
Nainsook, a few of fine cambric, round neck, trimmed with Val and French lace and with embroidery, some with ribbon headings. Some 35 styles at these prices.

**Chemises, 39c. to 98c.**  
Chemises, 29c., 39c., 49c. Fine cambric, trimmed with fine lace and embroidery, many with ribbon heading. A few in saque style, some have hemstitched tucked ruffles on the skirts.

**Chemises at 69c.**  
Skirt length, of fine nainsook, all with ruffles, tucks and lace edge on the skirts. Some have French machine embroidery on the yokes, some embroidery bands and lace edge. All are very elaborate.

**Drawers, 12c. and up.**  
Drawers, 12c. Muslin, full size, finished with hem and cluster tucking. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

**Drawers, 25c. and up.**  
Muslin and cambric, ruffle of embroidery, cluster tucking; some lace trimmed.

**Drawers, 49c., 59c.**  
Cambric and nainsook, deep ruffle of embroidery; cluster tucks; some with lawn ruffle, at 59c. extra sizes.

**Petticoats, 49c. to 98c.**  
Those at 49c. are of muslin with ruffle of embroidery. At 59c. they are of cambric with cluny lace and slatted lawn ruffles; one style has 12-inch embroidery underlay, and is worth at least \$1. At 98c. are a large variety of cambric and nainsook petticoats, including values to \$2. They have wide flounces of lawn and lace, of fine embroidery, and some with cluster tucks. Some 15 models shown, many in the new semi-fitted styles.

**Furs of Quality for Half.  
One Fine Way to Spend Christmas Money.**

ALL WOMANKIND (and more than half of mankind) loves Furs and has always loved them. So why not let some of YOUR Christmas money go into the Furs that will keep you winter-warm and make you look your very best and COST YOU JUST HALF OF THEIR FAIR WORTH?

You will find the Furs at Loeser's tomorrow—bought from wholesale furriers who waited for the snow until they lost hope and decided it was time to sell out their stocks—even at a loss. Not only did we buy at extremely low prices, but we took extra care to get right Furs—right in quality of peltry, right in styles, right in skillful workmanship.

These are RELIABLE Furs you will find here in broad and beautiful variety. The listing does not begin to indicate their loveliness—you must SEE them to know that. And we trust you will see them tomorrow.

**Neckwear and Muffs.**  
\$200 Mole Caney Scarf at \$90.00.  
\$200 Red Fox Scarf at \$90.00.  
\$200 Hareoon Shaped Scarf at \$10.  
\$200 Sable Fox Scarf at \$25.  
\$200 Blended Squirrel Skirt at \$14.00.  
\$200 Sable Fox Scarf at \$12.  
\$200 Mole Caney Muff at \$9.00.  
\$200 Red Fox Muff at \$9.00.  
\$200 Dred Hareoon Muff at \$10.  
\$200 Sable Fox Muff at \$25.

**Women's Kid Gloves at 59c., Values to \$1.50.**  
THE AFTER-CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE, including the broken lines of some of our best sellers in black and colors.

Of course, some show slight soils, but buying them for personal wear women will overlook these, especially when saving, in some cases, more than half the usual price. One special main floor table tomorrow, values to \$1.50, for 59c.

Main Floor. None Sent C. O. D.

**\$1.98 to \$3 Imported Dress Fabrics, \$1.48.**  
THIS IS A MID-WINTER STOCK-ADJUSTING SALE which concerns the very fine Fabrics of our importation, and in a series of the most desirable styles and colorings for winter wear.

Among the assortment are Ratines, Eponges, Velours and other fine Fabrics on stripes and mixtures in widths of from 50 to 51 inches.

Fabrics which have heretofore been marked at \$1.98 to \$3, at \$1.48 a yard.

Second Floor.

**Waists, Values to \$5.98, at \$2.98.**  
A GATHERING THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING for its beauty alone, without consideration of the extra values represented.

Among the silk Waists are some of brocade in new designs, in white, black and colors. There are tailored Waists of taffeta and messaline, plain and striped. There are fancy plaid taffetas that have such a vogue for wear with tailored suits.

The chiffon Waists are made over thin silks, over plain and fancy nets, and over lace-trimmed linings. They are black, black over white, black over color, and all the new good colors. Some have trimmings in Nell rose and the other good vivid shades.

The lingerie and tailored Waists are in hundreds of styles, some fresh and new, and some marvelous values among those that have been among our stocks and have been priced out for this occasion. The value Waists are unusually attractive and fine values.

Second Floor.

**Successo Corsets.**  
\$1.95 to \$3.75 for \$2.50 to \$5 Values.  
THE SUCCESSO CORSETS are made by a leading maker of the Corsets. They have been more than usually successful in producing the fashionable long, slender lines, and have already become firmly established in public favor. This first Sale includes models for stout and slim figures, as well as those of average dimensions. There are also some splendid models suitable for growing girls.

Prices are \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25 and \$3.75. A few higher priced models are also included at \$4. They are made of coutil, batiste, striped coutil and fancy broche, all with garters attached and trimmed with lace and ribbon and lace, and all boned with walrus.

Corsets, Values to \$3, at 98c.  
Corsets at 50c., Values Double.  
"P. N." Corsets, \$1.50.  
Corset Values to \$6, at \$1.08.  
Brassieres, 19c. and 49c.  
Second Floor, Livingston Street.

**These Special  
Lace Curtain Values  
Suggest a Fine Use  
For Christmas Money.**

SOMETHING TO MAKE THE HOME MORE ATTRACTIVE—how many housekeepers will wish to spend their gift of holiday money that way? Very many, if past experience is a guide; and for their assistance we are very glad to have these noteworthy economies in beautiful Lace Curtains to present tomorrow.

All of the Curtains are in desirable styles as well as being very low priced.

\$4.50 and \$5 Marie Antoinette Lace Curtains, \$2.98.  
\$6 and \$8 Marie Antoinette Lace Curtains, \$3.98.  
White and Arabian Nottingham Face Curtains, \$1.50.  
\$50, a pair instead of \$1.25 and \$1.50.  
\$1.25 a pair instead of \$2 and \$2.25.  
\$1.08 a pair instead of \$2.50 and \$2.75.  
\$1.08 a pair instead of \$3 and \$3.50.  
\$2.15 a pair instead of \$4 and \$5.  
\$3 and \$5.50 White Irish Point Curtains, \$3.75.  
\$6 and \$7.50 White Irish Point Curtains, \$4.50.  
\$12 and \$15 White Irish Point Curtains, \$7.50.  
\$3.75 and \$4 Marie Antoinette Face Curtains, \$2.50.  
\$6.75 and \$7.50 Lancel Arabian Curtains, \$4.75.  
\$8 and \$10 Lancel Arabian Curtains at \$7.50.  
\$12 and \$15.50 Lancel Arabian Curtains, \$8.50.  
Third Floor.